

## *Oppose H.R. 1837 – the Great Water Heist Act of 2012*

Dear Colleague:

I urge your strong opposition to H.R. 1837, the so-called Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act, a bill that should more appropriately be called the Great Water Heist Act of 2012.

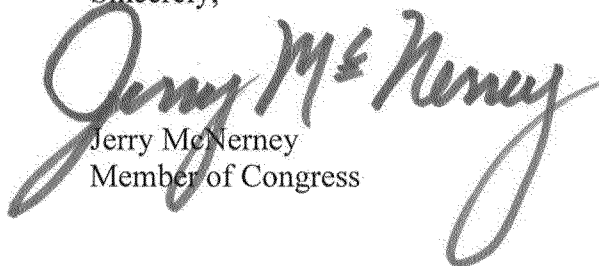
Generations of Californians have struggled with the question of how we allocate our state's precious, and limited, water resources. California's water system is governed by a complex array of state and federal laws crafted over decades. Though imperfect, these long-standing policies seek to balance the needs of communities throughout the state.

H.R. 1837 uses the power of the federal government to pick winners and losers, undermine state law, and radically alter the distribution of water resources in California. Put simply, this bill robs Peter to pay Paul – and for that reason, numerous communities throughout the Sacramento Valley, San Joaquin Valley, and other parts of California oppose H.R. 1837. As Sacramento County and San Joaquin County – which sit at the heart of the region this bill pretends to protect – argue in a letter of opposition to H.R. 1837, “We must ensure that any legislation that moves forward will avoid cannibalizing one part of California's economy to benefit another's.”

Though its proponents claim that H.R. 1837 will deliver water resources where they are needed most, the facts tell a different story. Siphoning mass quantities of water from some parts of California – including areas with unemployment above 15 percent – will severely erode water quality for local farmers, causing irreparable harm and job losses. As the manager of the South Delta Water Agency wrote in a letter opposing H.R. 1837, “most of the farmers in my area are Republicans who are mystified that party affiliations are threatening them notwithstanding the underlying facts and issues.”

An ever-growing number of local governments, business groups, recreational and commercial fishing advocates, environmental organizations, and other entities oppose H.R. 1837. A list of groups in opposition is provided below. H.R. 1837 is divisive and harmful legislation that needs to be stopped. Please contact me or Andrew Horowitz of my staff ([andrew.horowitz@mail.house.gov](mailto:andrew.horowitz@mail.house.gov)) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jerry McNerney  
Member of Congress

## **List of Groups Opposing H.R. 1837**

### **Water Districts and Local Governments**

Central Delta Water Agency  
City of Sacramento  
City of Stockton  
Contra Costa County  
Grassland Water District  
Local Agencies of the North Delta  
Reclamation District 999  
Sacramento County  
San Joaquin Council of Governments  
San Joaquin County  
San Mateo County Harbor District  
Solano County  
South Delta Water Agency  
South San Joaquin Irrigation District  
Water Replenishment District of Southern California  
Yolo County

### **Federal and State Entities**

U.S. Department of the Interior  
State of Colorado  
State of Montana  
State of Oregon  
State of Wyoming

### **Senior California Officials**

Senator Barbara Boxer  
Senator Dianne Feinstein  
Secretary for Natural Resources John Laird

### **Tribal Groups**

Karuk Tribe  
Mocdoc Nation  
Winnemen Wintu Tribe  
Wishtoyo Foundation

### **Business and Civic Groups**

BIA of the Delta  
Business Council of San Joaquin County  
California Delta Chambers & Visitor's Bureau  
California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation  
Concerned Citizens Coalition of Stockton  
The Contra Costa Council  
Hawkeye Marketing  
Silicon Valley Leadership Group  
Stockton Chamber of Commerce

### **Environmental Organizations**

Alameda Creek Alliance  
American Rivers  
AquAlliance  
Audubon  
Battle Creek Alliance

The Bay Institute  
Berkeley Conservation Institute  
Biodiversity Conservation Alliance  
Butte Environmental Council  
California League of Conservation Voters  
California Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility  
California Save our Streams Council  
California Water Impact Network  
Cascade Action Now  
Center for Biological Diversity  
Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation  
Clean Water Action  
Conservation Congress  
Coast Action Group  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Desal Response Group  
Earth Law Center  
Earthjustice  
Ebets Pass Forest Watch  
Endangered Habitats League  
Endangered Species Coalition  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Environmental Protection Information Center  
Food and Water Watch  
Foothills Conservancy  
Forests Forever  
Forest Unlimited  
Friends of Butte Creek  
Friends of the Calaveres  
Friends of Del Norte  
Friends of the Eel River  
Friends of the Gualala River  
Friends of the Lower Calavera River  
Friends of the North Fork American River  
Friends of the River  
Humboldt Baykeeper  
Institute for Fisheries Resources  
KS Wild  
Living Rivers/ Colorado Riverkeeper  
Madrone Audubon  
Merced River Conservation Committee  
Mid-Klamath Watershed Council  
Mono Lake Committee  
Monterey Coastkeeper  
National Parks Conservation Association  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Nature Abounds  
The Nature Conservancy  
Northcoast Environmental Center  
North Coast Rivers Alliance  
Northern California River Watch  
Oceana  
Oregon Waterwatch  
Oregon Wild  
The Otter Project  
Palos Verdes Audubon Chapter

Planning and Conservation League  
 Protect our Water  
 The Public Trust Alliance  
 Redwood Regional Audubon Society  
 Restore Hetch Hetchy  
 Resource Renewal Institute  
 Restore the Delta  
 The River Project  
 Rocky Mountain Wild  
 Rose Foundation  
 Russian Riverkeeper  
 Russian River Watershed Protection Committee  
 Sacramento Audubon Society  
 Sacramento River Preservation Trust  
 Safe Alternatives for our Forest Environment  
 San Francisco Bay Keeper  
 San Joaquin Audubon  
 Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition  
 Santa Clarita for Planning and the Environment  
 Santa Cruz Women's International League for Peace and Freedom  
 Save the Bay  
 Save the Frogs!  
 Sierra Club California  
 Sierra Foothills Audubon  
 Sierra Nevada Alliance  
 Siskiyou Land Conservancy  
 South Fort Mountain Defense Committee  
 South Yuba River Citizens League  
 Southern California Watershed Alliance  
 Trinity Lake Revitalization Alliance  
 Trust for Public Land  
 Tuolumne Conservancy  
 Tuolumne River Trust  
 Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth  
 United Outdoorsmen  
 Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Council  
 Waldo Holt Conservancy  
 Western Nebraska Resources Council  
 Whidbey Environmental Action Network  
 The Wilderness Society

**Commercial and Recreational Fishing and Hunting Organizations and Businesses**

Ankeny Street Sportfishing  
 American Sportfishing Association  
 Auburn Flycasters  
 Back to Class Guide Service  
 Bob Sands Fishing  
 Bob Sparre's Guide Service  
 Bodega Bay Fishermen's Marketing Association  
 Bodega Bay Sportfishing  
 Boyce Image  
 California Inland Fisheries Foundation  
 California Sportfishing Protection Alliance  
 California Striped Bass Association  
 California Striped Bass Association - Sacramento Chapter  
 California Striped Bass Association - West Delta Chapter

Checkmate Charters  
Chris' Fishing Charters  
Chubasco Charters  
Coastside Fishing Club  
Delta Fly Fishers  
Diablo Valley Fly Fishermen  
El Dorado III Charters  
Emeryville Sportfishing  
Fishery Foundation  
Fish Sniffer  
Flash Sportfishing Charters  
Flying Fish Charters  
Foothills Angler Coalition  
Fred Hall Shows  
Golden Gate Fishermen's Association  
Golden Gate Salmon Association  
Golden West Women Flyfishers  
G. Pucci and Sons Manufacturing  
Granite Bay Flycasters  
Hi's Tackle Box  
Hog Heaven Charters  
Huck Finn Charters  
Humboldt Area Saltwater Anglers  
Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association  
Jim Cox Sport Fishing Charters  
Johnson Hicks Marine  
Kokanee Power  
Leisure Sales  
Lower Sherman Island Duck Hunters Association  
Lovely Linda Sportfishing  
Lovely Martha Charters  
Lower Sherman Island Duck Club  
Mission Peak Fly Anglers  
Monterey Fish Market  
New Captain Pete Charters  
New Easy Rider Charters  
New Ray Ann Charters  
New Salmon Queen Charters  
Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers  
Northern California Guides Association  
Northwest Guides and Anglers Association  
Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association  
Outdoor Pro Shop  
Outer Limits Charters  
Outwest Marketing  
P Line  
Pacific Catch Fish Grill  
Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
Pasadena Casting Club  
Pro-Troll Fishing Products  
Queen of Hearts Charters  
Que Sera Sera Charters  
Rapala USA  
Randy's Fishing Trips  
Recreational Fishing Alliance

Reel Steel Sportfishing  
Riptide Charters  
Roy Gray & Associates  
SalmonAid Foundation  
Salmon King Lodge West  
Salmon Water Now  
Sandy Ann Charters  
San Francisco Crab Boat Owners Association  
Santa Clarita Casting Club  
Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen  
Save our Wild Salmon Coalition  
Sep's Outdoors Inc.  
Sierra Pacific Flyfishers  
Sir Randy Charters  
Soleman Sportfishing Charters  
Small Boat Commercial Salmon Fishermen's Association  
Sonoma County Abalone Network  
Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers  
Sportfishing Association of California  
Spring Creek Guide Service  
Stagnaro's Charters  
Star of Monterey Charters  
StriperFest  
Sunny's Electric Marine  
Ted's Sports Center  
Telstar Charters  
Trek II  
Tri-Valley Fly Fishers  
Trout Underground  
Trout Unlimited  
USA Fishing  
Vance's Tackle  
Wacky Jacky Charters  
Water for Fish  
West Marine

**Agricultural Groups**

Friant Water Authority (limited to San Joaquin River Restoration provisions)  
Organic Sacramento

**Recreation Groups**

Adventure Connection, Inc  
American Whitewater  
California Outdoors  
Camp Lotus  
Mokelumne River Outfitters  
The O.A.R.S. Family of Companies  
River and Rock Adventures  
River Runners, Inc.  
Rubicon Whitewater Adventures  
Sport Sales  
Whitewater Connection  
Whitewater Voyages